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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a user of Microsoft Win '95 and Win '98 SE software on my personal home computer, having purchased these items from Gateway and the local Comp USA stores. I have used Microsoft software for the past 7 years as a professional engineer in the employ of Rockwell International. This software has made my job much easier, work output greater and significantly increased my ability to generate professional thesis, proposals and written communications. Despite the aggressive lobbying efforts of a few of Microsoft's competitors, the federal government and nine states finally reached a comprehensive agreement with Microsoft to address the reduced liability found in the Court of Appeals ruling. In my opinion, this settlement is tough, but reasonable and fair to all parties involved. I further think the settlement is good for the consumer, the software industry and Windows XP may boost the American economy as it recovers from recession.

The last thing the American economy needs is more litigation that benefits only a few of Microsofts wealthy competitors, stifles innovation and lines the pockets of the legal profession.

The federal government has spent far too much money in pursuing this case already.

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